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2 U.S. Lawyers
Meet Attorney for
Ray in London

LONDON (UPI) — Two American lawyers for James Earl Ray arrived today and conferred immediately with his British lawyer.

Arthur J. Hanes, former FBI agent and ex mayor of Birmingham, Ala., and his son Arthur Jr. were met at London Airport by a member of the London law firm of Dresden and Co.

Hanes, Jr., said his father spent the morning "getting acquainted with this case" which they agreed to handle if and when Ray is returned to the United States to face a jury for the April 4 assassination of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

Ray will appear in Bow Street Magistrates Court June 27 for a hearing on a U.S. demand for his extradition. Hanes, Jr., indicated the American attorneys were not involved directly with the extradition hearing when he said, "We would not presume to intrude into the British legal aspects of the case."

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